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TO AMEMBASSY BANGUI

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SUBJECT:
U.S.-CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE CONSULAR CONVENTION

REF: A) BANGUI 20; B) BANGUI 2672 (1977); C) BANGUI 2512
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1. DEPARTMENT APPROVES PROPOSAL TO SEND TYPE OF NOTE
REFERRED TO REF C (TEXT OF WHICH TRANSMITTED REF A) IN
LIEU OF DELETION OF PROVISIONS IN DRAFT CONVENTION ON
ESTABLISHMENT OF CONSULATES.
2. DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS FOLLOWING EDITORIAL CHANGES
IN TEXT TRANSMITTED BY EMBASSY; NEW TEXT OF LETTER TO READ
AS FOLLOWS:

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QUOTE
I HAVE THE HONOR TO TRANSMIT UNDER COVER OF THIS LETTER
TWO COPIES OF A DRAFT BILATERAL CONSULAR CONVENTION BETWEEN
THE UNITED STATES AND THE ECA PREPARED BY MY GOVERNMENT.
AS YOU KNOW, THE POSSIBILITY OF NEGOTIATING SUCH A
CONVENTION HAS ARISEN SEVERAL TIMES IN MY DISCUSSIONS WITH
HIS MAJESTY OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS. THE ATTACHED DRAFT

CONVENTION IS SIMILAR TO OTHER BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WHICH

THE UNITED STATES HAS CONCLUDED WITH SEVERAL OTHER COUNTRIES. IT IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR RESOLVING POSSIBLE CONSULAR PROBLEMS, EVEN THOUGH SOME OF THESE PROBLEMS ARE NOT AT THE MOMENT PRESENT IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THAT IT IS WISE TO PROVIDE FOR EVENTUALITIES AT THIS TIME RATHER THAN TO HAVE TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT AT A LATER TIME.

I WOULD LIKE TO DRAW YOUR SPECIFIC ATTENTION TO PARTS II AND III OF THE DRAFT CONVENTION, WHICH REFER FOR THE MOST PART TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF CONSULATES OUTSIDE THE CAPITAL CITY OF THE RECEIVING COUNTRY. IN THIS CONNECTION, I WISH TO CONFIRM THAT IT IS NOT THE INTENTION OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO OPEN A SEPARATE CONSULATE IN BANGUI AT THIS TIME. THE OFFICIAL CONSULAR FUNCTIONS WILL CONTINUE TO BE PERFORMED BY A DIPLOMATIC OFFICER OF THE EMBASSY, AS PROVIDED FOR IN ARTICLE 7 OF THE DRAFT CONVENTION TRANSMITTED HEREWITH. WE WOULD PROPOSE THAT APPROVAL OF THIS CONTINUING ROLE BE CONFIRMED IN AN EXPLICIT EXCHANGE OF LETTERS TO BE SIGNED AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PROPOSED SIGNING OF THE CONSULAR CONVENTION.

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I WOULD WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT CONVENTION WITH A VIEW TOWARDS PROCEEDING WITH NEGOTIATION OF THE AGREEMENT AND APPROVAL THROUGH OUR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS. CHRISTOPHER

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